Binance hack: what was taken and what was stopped

From 20:20 UTC on 29 Oct 2026 Binance hot wallets on three chains sent their funds to fresh addresses. Tether and Circle then froze what they could still reach. Bitcoin, USDT and USDC from our own index. Two facts come from other systems: they are marked [1] [2], with notes at the bottom.

FROZEN BY THE ISSUERS

2,203.5 M

USDT and USDC on Ethereum · 66.5% of the stolen stablecoins

3,311.2M	18,270.2 BTC	729.0M	378.7M
USDT and USDC stolen on Ethereum and TRON	stolen · 0 of 19 wallets have moved funds	USDT moved on before it could be frozen	USDT on TRON held by the attacker · no freeze in the data

WHAT HAPPENED, MINUTE BY MINUTE · UTC

20:20:06	BITCOIN	11 withdrawals send **18,270.2 BTC** from the Binance.com wallet to one new address. In the same block they are split across 18 fresh wallets, 17 of them with 1,000 BTC each; the 19th wallet follows 28 minutes later.
20:22:45	TRON	Binance's hot wallet sends **612.7M USDT** to a new address in a single transfer.
20:24:23	ETHEREUM	Binance 14 sends **1,615.4M USDT** to new address 0x5227…2f8c[1]. 24 seconds later Binance 16 adds **55.7M**.
20:30–20:33	ETHEREUM	The attacker moves **700.0M USDT** on to two new wallets, 500.0M and 200.0M, and starts splitting it.
20:41–20:59	ETHEREUM	**823.0M USDC** arrive at 0x5227…2f8c from wallet 0xee7a…4055, in two transfers of 780.0M and 43.0M.
20:45–21:16	TRON	300.0M USDT leave the TRON address through a splitter wallet: **234.0M** end up in long-running addresses, 66.0M stay in a fresh wallet.
21:01:35	FREEZE	Tether blacklists 0x5227…2f8c with **971.1M USDT** inside. At 21:04:59 Circle blacklists it with **823.0M USDC** inside.
21:01–21:19	FREEZE	Tether blacklists 7 more wallets on the traced trail, one by one. Five are already empty, two still hold **175.0M** and **30.0M**.
21:04, 21:44	ETHEREUM	Binance 14 sends **204.3M** more USDT to 0x5227…2f8c, which is already frozen.
22:06–23:54	FREEZE	Tether and Circle also blacklist the two wallets the funds came from: Binance 14 and 0xee7a…4055[2].
30 Oct	NOW	The 18,270.2 BTC have not moved. The 378.7M USDT on TRON had not moved by 09:11 UTC, where the TRON data stops. The data holds no freeze on TRON.

WHAT WAS TAKEN AND WHAT HAPPENED TO IT

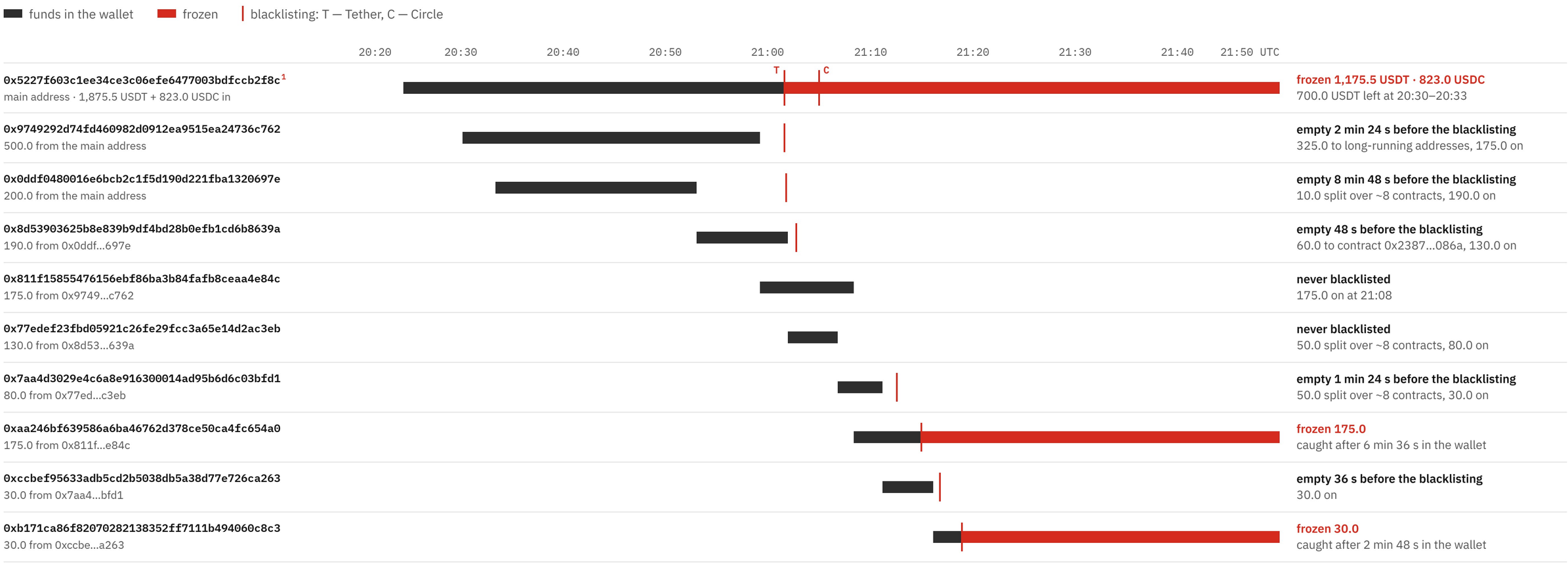
All the USDC was stopped, three quarters of the USDT, and nobody has touched the bitcoin



RACE AGAINST THE FREEZE · USDT ON ETHEREUM

Each row is one attacker wallet. The bar shows how long money sat in it; the red line is the moment Tether blacklisted it

Five wallets were already empty when the blacklisting came, between 36 seconds and 9 minutes too late. Two were caught with money inside. Amounts in millions of USDT.



ETHEREUM · WHERE 495.0M USDT WENT

325.0 — into 5 long-running addresses, each with thousands of transfers since summer 2026 or earlier

110.0 — three times split in one transaction across ~8 contracts: 10.0 + 50.0 + 50.0

60.0 — into one contract with half a million transfers since 2023

None of these addresses has a label in the catalog: from here the trail joins general circulation. Full addresses below.

TRON · 612.7M USDT

Binance's hot wallet sent **612.7** in a single transfer at 20:22:45

378.7 sit in two fresh wallets: 312.7 and 66.0

234.0 went into 4 long-running addresses within 54 minutes

No freeze events on TRON in the data yet: this chain's issuer events don't reach the live layer.

SOURCE WALLETS

Binance 14 → **1,819.7** USDT in 3 transfers

Binance 16 → **55.7** USDT

0xee7a…4055[2] (no label in the catalog) → **823.0** USDC

Binance.com btc-w-604277115 → **18,270.2** BTC in 11 withdrawals

The issuers also blacklisted both source wallets on Ethereum: Binance 14 — Tether at 22:06, Circle at 23:53; 0xee7a…4055 — Circle at 23:54.

ALL ADDRESSES

Ethereum

SOURCES

Binance 14 · 1,819.7 USDT out
`0x28c6c06298d514db089934071355e5743bf21d60`

Binance 16 · 55.7 USDT out
`0xdfd5293d8e347dfe59e90efd55b2956a1343963d`

no label in the catalog[2] · 823.0 USDC out
`0xee7ae85f2fe2239e27d9c1e23fffe168d63b4055`

ATTACKER WALLETS

All 10 with full addresses in the race table above.

WHERE 385.0M OF IT WENT

145.0 USDT in · since 2025 · ~29,000 transfers
`0xbeef02961503351625926ea9a11ae13b29f5c555`

100.0 USDT in · since Aug 2026 · ~10,900 transfers
`0x0000000000be226afde21672a5e4adc45692e69d`

60.0 USDT in · since 2023 · ~500,000 transfers
`0x23878914efe38d27c4d67ab83ed1b93a74d4086a`

50.0 USDT in · since 19 Oct 2026
`0x74edc79fea13bdf1f7841570227127cec493bdd9`

28.6 USDT in · since Jul 2026 · ~5,500 transfers
`0x9b1303ebf09bc51b7fac376c9e421e8daae63b82`

1.4 USDT in · since Jul 2026 · ~3,000 transfers
`0xec4fb7e7c35c241e1138a2d8cfbb09f3ad1ccb22`

TRON

SOURCE

Binance hot wallet · 612.7 USDT out
`TDqSquXBgUCLYvYC4XZgrprLK589dkhSCf`

ATTACKER WALLETS

main · 612.7 in, 312.7 still there
`TG5iBMQPrDzJJAUM8GMVBf1hRaJ1wvzsGi`

splitter · 300.0 in, all sent on
`TPBkSjkCMn2ckrMuAP8n2J1jdjbw76bKN4`

parked · 66.0 in, still there
`TCzBTkqn66yApqbYoPezaEQosM5DAd7Y62`

WHERE 234.0M WENT

199.0 USDT in · long-running
`TSUUVjysXV8YqHytSNjfkNXnnB49QDvZpx`

33.0 USDT in · long-running
`TVjuTE3V5bMVdpfNhid8kD2v35T2k1u1Br`

2.0 USDT in · long-running
`TFGDbUyP8xez44C76fin3bn3Ss6jugoUwJ`

0.01 USDT in (a test) · long-running
`TXJgMdjVX5dKiQaUi9QobwNxtSQaFqccvd`

Bitcoin

SOURCE AND COLLECTION

Binance.com · btc-w-604277115 · 18,270.2 BTC out
`bc1qm34lsc65zpw79lxes69zkqmk6ee3ewf0j77s3h`

attacker collection · btc-w-715435127 · balance now 0
`bc1q0mtc2f5agpkvlq6hhahmfr3hlr55kyfjhl2mnm`

19 WALLETS HOLDING THE BTC · NONE HAS MOVED

bc1q0ts8gaf9ht0rr4u02hr56f8thndqsc4kmkmfv3	1,000.0
bc1qjwdw6vrzq4vf6hckutvx4ucj86awwv99mxnz7w	1,000.0
bc1qdfhmlrdvg4tm87zjl0vyf0xflp5ql50q3g88gw	1,000.0
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Source: btc.artjoms.ai — own index of raw blocks · Bitcoin at block 973,797 · Ethereum at block 26,305,163 · TRON at block 87,559,363 (09:11 UTC on 30 Oct; the TRON node stalled after that) · exact on-chain amounts, M USDT/USDC · freezes: Blacklisted (Circle) and AddedBlackList (Tether) events from the issuer layer

Labels in the btc.artjoms.ai catalog: Binance.com on Bitcoin — GraphSense public tag pack · Binance 14 and Binance 16 on Ethereum — Etherscan label snapshot, 2023 · Binance hot wallet on TRON — derived from our own chain data · roles such as main, splitter, parked and long-running are our reading of the flows, not catalog labels

From other systems: [1] the starting address 0x5227…2f8c came from public reports with Etherscan links; everything after it was traced in btc.artjoms.ai · [2] that 0xee7a…4055 belongs to Binance comes from public reporting (Etherscan: Binance Hot Wallet 34); the btc.artjoms.ai catalog has no label for it